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SUBJECT: DEMARCHE ON IRAN IN ADVANCE OF THE OCTOBER 15-16
FOREIGN MINISTERS MEETING

REF: A. SECSTATE 143223

[1](#)B. SECSTATE 141316

Classified By: CDA Jeffrey Levine; reasons 1.4 (b) and (d)

[1](#)1. (C) MFA EU and Foreign and Security Policy Department Head, Zsolt Pataki, provided Hungarian views on reftel demarche with Charge d'Affaires on 12 October. Pataki stated that the EU has already developed language agreeing to start discussions regarding additional sanctions related to Iran's non-compliance with its international obligations. He added that the Italians and Austrians had softened the language but felt that it still moves the EU in the direction we were advocating.

[1](#)2. (C) In a separate meeting related to reftel b with Andras Dekany, Head of MFA's EU Relations and Crisis Situations Section, Dekany provided PolOff MFA comments on Chad and Kosovo. Stressing the importance to support the proposed EU mission in Chad, Dekany noted that although Hungary has limited military capabilities and no embassies in the region, the MoD may provide staff officers to the operation's headquarters in France. On Kosovo, Dekany emphasized the importance of providing "tangible prospects" to Serbia on a path towards EU membership, mentioning a "visa-free regime" as one possibility. He stressed that the EU must come to consensus on the Kosovo question as this is "their mission in the Balkans." Asked as to the possibility of EU troops remaining in the region without a UNSC resolution, Dekany expressed concern as to the prospects of separating the "status issue" - independence - from the "legal issue" - European Defense Security Policy, raising questions as to the Hungarian position on UNSCR 1244 authorizing troop deployments to the region.
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